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The Same Old Story from Mexico. not be comforted.

change in the President's policy. No new plan or and they are going. The cost of reform seems alprocedure is decided upon. The American attitude most too great! continues to be that of an expectancy which would have done credit to Mr. Micawber at his best.

Meantime the Mexicans, too, keep on with the same old story of slaughter and devastation without inist of the sex-warfare type. She has no notion of substantial results. Alternately each side gets al- mixing up suffrage with her work and is even most but not quite to the point of completely van- strangely unmoved by the thought of "votes for quishing the other. Making all due allowance for women." When asked about the plans for her work exaggerations, we must conclude that there has been she said heavy loss of life at Ojiuaga and elsewhere, while the destruction of property and prostration of business have been disastrous; for all of which there is kind of an administration a man would give. apparently no compensating advantage. For all that conflict degenerated into a campaign of mere devas- by side with them.

between Mexico and Cuba; namely, that of Ameri- of women. can intervention. Tedious as the struggle is and distressing in its atrocities, no adequate cause for militant meddling is presented. Whatever dissatisfaction may be felt with the results of the President's policy, no thoughtful man can desire a change which would lead toward our embroilment in the strife. We must believe that some more definite and resolute policy, adopted long ago, would have been productive of beneficent results, and that even now to exercise efficient good offices for the restoration of peace and constitutional order. The story which has long been both tedious and sickening ought not to be permitted to drag wearily on to the last revoiting chapter.

The Radium Thieves.

Hahnemann Hospital here and St. Luke's Hos- beauty which it attains nowhere else. To cut off a pital in Chicago must be as embarrassed as was pupil in the formative years from access to that a New York State legislator. the man who stole "Mona Lisa." Experience probably has taught them already—if it has not it soon almost indispensable standard by which to measure will-that they could sell the Koh-i-Noor about as readily as they could their booty. The Flatiron Building and the Pennsylvania Station sometimes are sold to credulous, bibulous sojourners here by silver tongued sharpers, but not even one of these experts would undertake to dispose of a speck of radium for which he had no duly authenticated

To have booty and yet not to be able to enjoy it or profit by it is the ideal punishment for the thief. These persons certainly have their punishment. They may not wear their stolen radium, nor eat it. nor dispose of it for profit. There is no aesthetic merely handling it may injure them, even to the ex- tial law, can testify, tent of causing death in time. The way of these transgressors is hard.

The World's Greatest Port.

themselves every now and then by talking about the voters of the state have been doing in other New York's prospective decadence as a port ought matters for some time. When a situation arises to read the report just issued by the New York that calls for action they act. Where an older Chamber of Commerce. This shows that New York community would sit around and talk and cite precis the shipping or entry port for nearly one-half of edents Oregon writes in a new law while you wait. the total foreign commerce of the United States. Its Blunders happen. But, what is more important, share of our foreign trade in the last fiscal year progress is made and the whole country benefits. was \$2,139,265,622-the first total to go above the \$2,000,000,000 line. New York's gain over the pre- and for the cheerful, interesting and effective comceding year was 10.45 per cent, while the gain of monwealth which she represents. all other American ports together was only 10.19

Nature has combined with economic development to make New York the leading port in the world. Its primacy is just beginning to be felt. In another twenty years it will have distanced all rivals. Compared with other great ports of the world-London. Hamburg, Liverpool, Rotterdam and Antwerp-its harbor facilities are practically inexhaustible. While they have to spend enormous sums to supply adequate waterfront, New York has miles of deep water frontage available and still undeveloped.

It is necessary, of course, to use our superabundant facilities intelligently. But only habitual croakers can fail to be impressed with the fact that New York is favored as a port as no other city in the world ever was and that its supremacy for at least a couple of centuries to come is as clearly written in the stars as anything can possibly be written on a milky way electric signboard.

New Jersey and the Primary.

It is not surprising that New Jersey's primary election system is unsatisfactory to many who ad- actively assist the children in their studies and im- in the law. vocated its adoption. Its principle is sound, but part instruction to them, a much more formidable looks much as if New York already has more law for some of its details are unfortunate and it has not and exacting undertaking. worked well. The increased cost in money and time would not be a serious objection if there were comnominations and voting.

One of the remedies which are now proposed is to abolish the primary altogether and to put

who wish to be candidates for offices. That would undoubtedly be an heroic remedy. Whether it would be judicious is another question. It would scarcely simplify matters or conduce to intelligent voting to confront the voter with a blanket sheet bearing an unclassified directory of all the aspiring politicians in the state.

The present system needs amendment, as many before they forego the advantages of the preliminary winnowing of candidates which a well devised primary election affords.

The Public Mourns Its Loss.

It is conceivable, of course, that New York County may get along without Julius in the Sheriff's office, though with difficulty. But however will New York County get along without the 3,000 special deputies named by Julius whom Sheriff Grifenhagen has so brusquely ushered out of office? The timid and the law-abiding, missing the gold badges and the manly breasts they adorned, shiver and shudder and can-

Mr. Lind emulates the King of France, or the Things never will be the same again. There never Duke of York, or whoever it was who marched up was a dinner but Julius's Janizaries were there in the hill with fifty thousand men and then marched force to protect the guests from sabotage-bent down again. He makes a sudden, swift, mysterious cooks. Never a prizefight occurred but they were trip from Vera Cruz to Pass Christian for a confi- there in the best ringside seats to keep the enraged dential conference with the President at what was fighters from attacking the audience. Never a turbruited as the psychological moment in Mexican key-trotting contest was held but they were there affairs. And then he sails back again, leaving to referee it. Never a waterfront riot occurred but everything just as it was before. There is no they were somewhere else. And now Julius is gone,

A Common-Sense Feminist.

Miss Katharine B. Davis is evidently not a fem-

I am not going to conduct this department as a oman's administration. It's going to be the same

This is good talk and represents the real sense of can be perceived, such work may continue for the feminist movement. The only thing against months and even years to come without reaching which it wars is the notion that a female is a silly a finality. The situation is indeed beginning to and inferior animal, fit only for firesides. Its chief suggest a likeness to that of years ago in Cuba, tenet is that women are human beings, unalterably when neither side could whip the other and the unlike men yet astonishingly competent to work side

The new Commissioner of Correction is as dis-In one supremely important respect, however, we appointing to the wild-eyed feminists as she is a must deprecate any thought of completing a likeness relief to every stanch believer in the true advance

The Bible as an Educator.

In his address to the British Educational Conference Viscount Bryce deplored the increasing unfamiliarity of school children with the Bible. Undoubtedly in this age of religious relaxation and education in non-sectarian schools and colleges boys plan are considerable. It will be seen with what and girls are grounded in the Bible to only a very success Mrs. Young transforms them into practical moderate extent. The old contact with it in the achievement. it should not be too late for this country, alone or family circle is gone, and the Sunday school is about in association with some Latin-American neighbors, the only agency left through which the younger generation gets its knowledge of the Bible, either headline. Many feminine dancers are rapidly nearas doctrine or as literature.

It is not extravagant to say that the loss of suca knowledge would be a great misfortune, looking at day as another General Tom Thumb. it only from the educational point of view. The English language as employed in the King James version rises to a dignity and harmony in prese The persons who have stolen radium from the and to an exquisite balance between vigor and

the power and purity of the English tongue. Happy is the old-fashioned boy or girl who went unwillingly to family worship or struggled halfheartedly with the Prayer Book or the Westminster returned to feed him or her abundantly in later

Militancy in Oregon.

her name up and down. She sounds delightfully feminine, in the best and most luscious Western pleasure in looking at it. If they have not some style; and that she acts with true feminine dispatch amount of scientific knowledge about the stuff, the citizens of Copperfield, Ore., fuming under mar-

They have a direct way of doing things in Oregon, all along the line, and we suspect that some day the persisted. United States of America will be very grateful to this cheerfully experimental state. What the secre- to the squirrels in the park,' he said." tary of the Governor did at Copperfield when she Those pessimists who try to get up a scare among declared martial law in order to close the saloons We salute Miss Fern Hobbs for what she has done

Schools for Study or Recitation?

Chicago schools will be regarded by parents with Hall. the proverbial mingled emotions. Some will be glad to have their children freed from home study, because they want them to do other work out of school hours or because they think they are overtasked. Others will object to it, on the ground that the children will not be learning as much as they should, or possibly that, with no studies to occupy by the Socialist newspapers, and he is threatened them, the children will get into mischief or be in the with expulsion from the Socialist party. way around the house.

The chief issue involved is, however, far more general and more important than these. It is whether schools are chiefly to be used as places of study and instruction or as places in which merely to recite the lessons which have been learned elsewhere. The answer to that is radical and affects the entire scope and purport of the teachers' work. If recitation is the object, the teachers have little to do but to listen to and examine the work of the children. But on the other hypothesis they must Educators will observe with much interest the

practical working out of Mrs. Young's policy, with pensating benefits. But it is discouraging to find a cheerful confidence in her ability to make the the system actually making against independent best that can be made of it. They will note the extent to which it increases the labors of the teachers, or perhaps calls for more teachers and smaller classes, and extends the hours of attendance at the upon the regular election ticket the names of all schools. The theoretical arguments in favor of the

THE INTERLOCKING SWITCHBOARD.



J. P. MORGAN-Pull out those plugs. We're cutting out the private wires.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN

"Clothes not needed for perfect tango." News ing that state of perfection.

Waldo could get employment with the circus any

Only 1.127,940 automobiles in the United States! Holton in which the statistics given by A few farmers must still be waiting critically for Mrs. Brown were criticised, it would will be approximately 236,000 more male block. the 1914-'15 styles.

"I've found the meanest folks in New York-or, at to find out just what the electorate To the Editor of The Tribune. Catechism. In educational value alone the bread any rate, I've heard of them," said the man who is would be. thus cast in travail of spirit upon the waters has always discovering queer things about the city. "Just think of persons who will try to cheat the 1910, I obtained the male electorate of ington headquarters: pretty little gray squirrels in Central Park!

"This is the way I heard about them: I am very fond of hickory nuts. The other day I stepped into a little fruit shop on Seventh avenue to buy some. We like everything about Miss Fern Hobbs from The shopkeeper told me he had none of this season's the number of women that would have many Americans there, says thousands in stock. But I saw some hickory nuts in a corner voted in 1910, if they had had the right, are homeless, shelterless, starving and and asked him, 'What are those?'

good. Most of them have worms in them."

Why do you keep them?' I asked.

"'Oh, I sell them,' he answered.

Folks buy them, because they are cheap, to give

"Well, what did your wife say to you?"

'Not friends. My enemies do it."-Pittsburgh

"I wonder what philanthropist owns that place?" mused Bill Simpkins as he passed an automobile station which bore a sign reading, "Free air."

Bubbs-Well, how are your New Year's resoluions wearing? Dubbs-Fine! Had one little puncture, but nothing like a regular blowout.-Judge.

The German Socialists are furious at the "crime" committed by Herr Witti, the second vice-president been omitted from the table in the case of the Munich Town Council, who is a Socialist, on of the male electorate, the correspond-Mrs. Ella Flagg Young's announced policy in the the occasion of the Kaiser's recent visit to the Town

> but he even allowed himself to be presented to the comes to the citizenship of women. Kaiser and Kaiserin, and politely answered their Even in the suffrage states the census questions about the municipal affairs of Munich. Interminable articles, attacking the "traitor" Witti for his "scandalous behavior," are being published

Sillicus—What's the matter, old man? You look the approximate analysis of the male laws and ordinances of the state and city for schooling in the one-pupil school state and city for schooling in the one-pupil school state and city for schooling in the one-pupil school state and city for schooling in the one-pupil school state and city for schooling in the one-pupil school state and city for school s unhappy.

with a secret that nobody wants to know.-Philadelphia Record.

NEW YORK FROM THE SUBURBS. In China, we understand, brigandage is regarded as a profession. In New York it is one of the arts .-

New York finds that since January 1,416 persons have been killed and 2,149 injured by motor vehicles in that Whereupon arises a loud demand for a change city. At this distance observing the case, it the regulation of motor vehicles than it is enforcing. New Haven Register.

New York never attempts to explain how there can be regular "gunmen" in a community where carrying firearms is absolutely prohibited.—Washington Star. When it becomes necessary for the New York police

to suppress in behalf of public decency a "white slave" film approved by a squad of suffragists, social workers and clergymen, it is evident that the reform movement in that city should enter other places besides Police Headquarters.-Rome Sentinel.

The Effect Would Be to Reduce the

Percentage of Foreign Born Voters. to the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Referring to the letter from Mr. seem immaterial whether they were cor- than female electors. rect or incorrect, since they have no "Legislator turns back his salary to state." Not bearing on the question originally Women's Political Union, No. 13 West 42d it interferes with the liquor trade. I sinraised. The question raised by Mr. Wheeler was the composition of the electorate of New York State if women Mrs Brown referred to the whole United States. I have purposely delayed answering his letter until now since it required a good deal of study

Basing my figures on the census of "Those are last year's nuts, he said. They're no foreign born women married to Ameri- that has swept Europe. Arrangements Mayor Mitchel has reappointed three of sane, the Mongolian and also the probable percentage (based on the Depart-"But who on earth wants to buy wormy nuts?" I ment of Immigration statistics) of these please request your local papers to pubwives who have been in the country less than five years. These would not be allowed to vote, even though citizens, owing to the clause in the New "You always seem to have friends to take you shall have been an inhabitant for five ome after these banquets."

"Provided that a citizen of the Red Cross sent over donations during the dent of the Health Department. War last year, and it is because of the Dr. Lederle has given the great venrs."

none have taken out naturalization papers. The only group among them who could vote are those who came to group in the male electorate is probably largely included among the 112,000 men who did not state whether they were citizens or altens. As these have ing group will be omitted in the case of the female electorate.

The approximate nature of the analy-Herr Witti not only attended the function, which sis is caused by the indifference of the was a violation of the rules of orthodox Socialism, Unted States census authorities when it men and omits the same information in possible to gain any accurate informa- hibition is exiled to the northwest corner. tion about the electorates in these states.

The following table, therefore, gives Cynicus-I am. I'm almost as unhappy as a electorate in 1910, the female electorate, and am punished if I break them, so my it did in the twenty-pupil schools. assuming that women had been allowed

regro and indian: 46,486 2.3 50,464 2.8 96,950 2.5 riminals: 2.287 0.1

Totals: 2,085,593 100 1,828,758 100 3,894,351 100 changes in the New York State electorate | 1 have worked on the East Side for when the woman suffrage bill is passed: First-The percentage of the native

73.9 per cent to \$1.2 per cent. Second-The percentage of the foreign born white vote will be decreased from 23.7 per cent to 16.2 per cent.

vote will remain practically the same. | posite gaze calmly on Fourth-There will be no addition to I asked the Mayor in my letter way

single instance. Fifth-In the new electorate there the station (35th Precinct) on the next

NORA BLATCH DE FOREST. street, Jan. 2, 1914.

get the vote, while the figures given , RELIEF FOR BALKAN DESTITUTE | lawlessness and rowdylsm that has its Oueen Elenora of Bulgaria Appeals Through Red Cross for Aid.

Sir: We have just received at this office the following telegram from our Wash-

that year by adding together the native "Queen Elenora of Bulgaria cabled to born and the naturalized citizens and the American Red Cross yesterday askthe colored of voting age, and deducting for relief for thousands of refugees ing the adult convicted felons, the in- left destitute by the Balkan war. The sane and the Mongolians. I obtained Queen's request, coupled with that of by adding together the native born, the freezing in the unusually cold weather can citizens and the colored, and then have been made to forward all contrideducting the convicted felons, the in- butions to Red Cross to Queen Elenora and Bulgarian joint committee. Will you to the Dock Department, and Murphy, to lish this statement

"CHARLES L. MAGEE, "Secretary American Red Cross." We would much appreciate any pub-York woman suffrage bill which reads: licity you may give to this statement. It equal reason he ought to have appointed Provided that a citizen by marriage will be remembered that the American or reappointed Dr. E. J. Lederle as pred-The unmarried foreign born women devastation caused by the war and the of his life to the sanitary betterment are purposely omitted, as practically poverty among the refugees that further New York City. He has served in the funds are needed this year.

Schiff, treasurer of the New York County mortality of this city has been greatly this country as minors and are the Chapter of the American Red Cross, No. reduced, the sanitary condition of the daughters of naturalized citizens. This 130 East 22d street, or to No. 52 William city improved, and the Health Departs H. F. DRAPER.

American Red Cross. New York, Jan. 2, 1914.

THE OPEN SIDE DOOR

Mayor Mitchel Is Asked to Enforce the Excise Law Strictly.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I was glad to see your article in to-day's Tribune, "Fight On to End carefully tabulates the citizenship of its Liquor Sale Here," put so prominently From The Topeka Capital. before your readers. Generally, in the regard to the women, so that it is im- press anything about temperance or pro- last year an average of \$26.76 a menth \$

asking-not prohibition, but only thisbrother, the brewer and saloonkeeper, to vote in that year, and the combined should be made to conform to and obey the laws. I asked a little thing of the Mayor, namely, that the liquor trade, which receives large privileges in regard to hours of opening and closing of their stores, might be forced to comply with the laws under which their stores are Heensed.

The Mayor takes an oath that he will enforce the laws; he appoints a Police Commissioner to carry out the laws. Why, then, in the name of all that is decent and honest and righteous, should From this table the following concluthe saloonkeeper be allowed to disobey the laws?

twenty-one years. Why should I, a decent citizen, be put to shame every Sun- From The Rochester Post-Express. orn white vote will be increased from day by the sight of the open side door man leaving the side door? Why does long enough!

SUFFRAGE AND THE NATIVE VOTE | Third-The percentage of the colored the policeman standing on the corner or

An Open Forum for

Public Debate.

the number of pardoned criminals vot-ing as the female felons have not been Saturday and Sunday nights as some given back their citizenship rights in a honest policeman drags the castaway from the saloon howling past my door to

Americans like fair play. Do we. cent, law-abiding citizens, get it? Not ! is coming from Baltimore will stir thing root in the saloons, which know no law and obey no ordinances. Of course, even without Mr. Anderson the Mayor and Police Commissioner can enforce the

laws. Will they? JAMES V. CHALMERS, Vicar. The Church of the Hely Trinity, No 111 East 88th st., Jan. 2, 1914.

PRAISE FOR DR. LEDERLE

His Continuance in Office Is Urged Upon Mr. Mitchel. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I noticed in the newspapers that of office expired on January 1, 1914, vis. for use under direction of an American Purdy, to the Tax Department; Smith signing as a reason efficiency, etc. I seems to me that as a taxpayer and & person who is interested in the sanitary welfare and condition of this city will

Dr. Lederie has given the greatest part Health Department many years in the Contributions may be sent to Jacob H. various grades, and under his regime the ment reorganized and systematized, and Secretary New York County Chapter, it is now considered to be one of the model departments of the city

The position of president of the Board of Health is not easily to be properly filled by any one who has not had lone training and experience, and the health of this important city should not be jeed ardized by intrusting it to a tyro

New York, Jan. 2, 1914.

SCHOOLING AT RETAIL

Nine school districts in Kansas spen educate one publi each. In districts when I wrote to Mayor Mitchel yesterday, the average attendance was twenty a day the cost was \$3.36 a month for each sta that as I, a citizen, must conform to the dent. It costs about fifteen times as much

THEY WON'T.

From The Providence Journal. As befits a progressive state, Wiscon sin now has a eugenic marriage ias Probably those who do not come up the requirements will have no difficult in marrying elsewhere

THEN HE COULDN'T TELL

From The Cleveland Leader. Before we can believe the French artist that tells us who the two prettiest w in America are, we must have the assai ance that he has seen all of them.

HE'S ON THE WAY.

Larkin, the Dublin strike leader, dead of the saloon? Why should I, when I pass that he lives in a mansion and owns the many saloons in this neighborhood, automobile. Never mind, he will wheat have to dodge the drunken step of the has been in the labor agitating bus